GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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SUICIDES AT METRO STATIONS NO.
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has witnessed large number of incidents of suicides in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last one year;

(c) whether the DMRC has taken any steps in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI DEEPA DASMUNSHI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (DMRC) has informed that 14 cases of suicides have been witnessed for the period from July, 2012 to June, 2013.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. DMRC has taken the following steps to prevent the incidents of suicides:-

The Security Controller, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and Station Controller have been asked to keep more vigil on CCTV to indentify restless or gloomy persons who may commit suicide.

Additional measures to prevent access of passengers to the non-passenger areas have been adopted.

Passengers are advised to keep away from the yellow line on platform through regular announcements and sporadic check by staff.

Train Operators have been asked to be extra vigilant while approaching platform and apply emergency brakes to stop the train whenever suicide attempt is noticed.

At many stations, raising of the height of hand railings on the platform boundary has been taken up to prevent any passenger from jumping on to the road beneath.

(e): Question does not arise.